

The Workbench – June 2007

Giving you the tools you need to build your program successfully.



Volunteers make miracles happen every day in organizations all over Michigan. **Governor Jennifer M. Granholm** invites you to join her at the *Miracle of Volunteering* to thank many

of these outstanding volunteers. On Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. she is hosting the 2007 Governor's Service Awards at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. The celebration features a special appearance by Motown legends, The Miracles. Other local talent will also pay tribute to Michigan volunteers.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased by visiting www.michigan.gov/MCSC. **If you have a nonprofit group you would like to bring to the event, complimentary tickets are available.** Please contact Kathie Vasilion at (517) 373-4200 or vasilionk@michigan.gov.

GRANTS FOR DIRECT SERVICES TO YOUNG CHILDREN

Mattel Children's Foundation Grants program award organizations with a mission that focuses on the direct service of children ages zero to 12 years. Organizations or programs must show creative and/or innovative methods to address locally defined needs directly impacting children. Applications must be submitted by June 15. To learn more, visit:

www.mattel.com/about_us/philanthropy/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp

The Fourth Annual Urban Service-Learning Institute August 2-3, 2007 * Wayne State University, Detroit For Service-Learning Practitioners

This two-day event focuses on applying the principles of service-learning in urban environments. Join us as we bring together community voices to discuss service-learning outreach and application techniques that help students achieve academic excellence and become strong community leaders. This event is also a remarkable opportunity to connect with other professionals working in urban settings and help shape this developing area of service-learning. Educators, community members and National Service programs are encouraged to attend.

For more information and to register, go to:

http://www.nylc.org/happening_event.cfm?oid=5584

Space is limited! Registration Deadline: July 19

AmeriCorps Alums Sought for Prestigious Eli Segal Fellowship

The Corporation for National and Community Service invites former AmeriCorps members to apply for the Eli Segal Fellowship, a yearlong leadership position working on national service policy, operations, and strategy in the agency CEO's office.

The fellowship is named after the late Eli Segal, who was a key architect of the 1993 national service legislation and served as the first CEO of the Corporation from 1993 to 1995. Segal passed away in February 2006. The Eli Segal Fellow will contribute to the mission of national service while working at Corporation headquarters. The high level of access given to the Eli Segal Fellow is intended to help that individual develop as a future leader while advancing national service.

Eligible applicants for the fellowship include all AmeriCorps alums who served full-time in the past three years and will be available to serve at Corporation headquarters starting in September. Exceptions to the three-year limit may be made for candidates who have been in school full-time since serving in AmeriCorps, or who have been in military or other national service such as Peace Corps. The fellowship includes a \$25,000 salary, with full benefits, for a 10-12 month term.

The deadline to apply for the Eli Segal Fellowship is **June 25, 2007**. For further information and application instructions, please visit:

www.americorps.gov/for_individuals/alumni/segal.asp. For questions, please email: elisegalfellowship@cns.gov or call (202) 606-7507. A conference call about the Fellowship will be held on June 7 at 4:00pm EST. Call information is at the website listed above.



The Workbench's Three - Month National Service Planner



To see Michigan's complete 2006-07 National Service Calendar, visit
www.michigan.gov/mcsc

JUNE 2007

- 6 Opportunities Go Where Relationships Flow, Detroit, 8:30am-4:15pm (Michigan Nonprofit Association, 313-309-1656, www.marshallhoward.com)
- 6-7 Michigan's AmeriCorps Russ Mawby Signature Service Project, Detroit (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
- 12 Michigan's AmeriCorps Member Council Conference Call, 10:00am (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
- 12 Hands on Network Summer Studies Free Webinar: Volunteer Motivation: The Key To Successful Recruitment, Retention and Recognition (training@handsonnetwork.org)
- 14 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Conference Call, 10:00am (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
- 20 Governor's Service Awards, Fox Theatre, Detroit, 7:00pm (Kathie Vasilion
- 20-21 Sustainability Symposium for Michigan's AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve grantees, (Tara Gilman, (517) 241-2553, gilmant@michigan.gov)
- 21 Building Volunteer Leadership To Increase Capacity

JULY 2007

- 9-13 Downriver CARES Service Project in New Orleans (Joe Spain, jspain@guidance-center.org)
- 16-18 National Conference on Volunteering and Service, Philadelphia, PA (The Corporation for National and Community Service / Points of Light Foundation, www.volunteeringandservice.org)
- 26 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Meeting, MCSC, 10:00am-4:00pm (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
- 26 Hands on Network Summer Studies Free Webinar: Volunteer Management: Recruitment (training@handsonnetwork.org)

AUGUST 2007

- 2-3 Urban Service-Learning Institute, Detroit (National Youth Leadership Council, Bernard Gill, (651) 999-7371, http://www.nylc.org/happening_event.cfm?oid=5584)
- 9 Hands on Network Summer Studies Free Webinar: Effectively Using New Media to Engage Volunteers (training@handsonnetwork.org)
- 15-17 Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal, Ann Arbor, MI (The Grant Institute, (888) 824-4424, www.thegrantinstitute.com)
- 16 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Conference Call, 10:00am (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
- 23 Hands on Network Summer Studies Free Webinar: Service To Civics (training@handsonnetwork.org)

**If you or your agency would like information about upcoming events included our three-month National Service planner, please contact Megan Sargent at sargentm1@michigan.gov or (517) 241-3494.*